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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

OVATION GIVEN TO JAPANESE OFFICERS

Admiral Togo Embarrassed at Nelay Demonstration.

CITY WAS DAILY DECORATED

Representations of Ministers Received and Future Successes Toasted—New Operations Being Planned—Other News From Far East.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—11 a. m.—Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura, with their staffs, arrived at the Shimizu station at 9:30 o'clock today.

Their journey from Kure to Tokio was a continuous ovation. At an early hour today the streets were filled and the city was gaily decorated with flags, lanterns and new year's decorations. Representatives of the emperor and empress, Prince Fushimi, Jr., other statesmen, ministers, prominent Japanese and thousands of school children, greeted the arrival of the naval heroes at the station. The presidents of both houses of the diet presented them with the resolutions of commendation passed by their respective branches of parliament.

The chief gray-bearded admiral, Togo, in a blue service uniform, seemed embarrassed at the noisy ovation. Next Admiral Shimamura, chief of staff, laughingly bowed forward to Vice Admiral Kamimura. The junior officer tried to clear the way, but the crowd closed in on Admiral Togo, and they were frequently forced to push the crowd backward in an endeavor to clear the marching ranks.

Finally Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura were freed from their enthusiastic admirers and surrounded by officers who entered the carriages sent by the emperor, and started for the palace.

An admiral Togo appeared a great show and the Banzai! followed Banzai! Followed by gendarmes, the party drove under triumphal arches, waving flags and discharged fireworks through the cheering crowds, to the navy department, where a brief stop was made during which the congratulations of the ministers were received and future successes were toasted.

Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura then proceeded to the palace to report to the emperor. They will probably remain in Tokio about a week for the purpose of consulting with the general staff and perfecting plans for future operations.

Great Activity in Naval Circles.

On Dec. 30.—6 p. m.—The British cruiser Canton, just arrived from Vladivostok reports great activity there in naval circles, every effort being made to complete the dry dock before the arrival of the second division of the Pacific squadron. Many cruises have been removed because the harbor will soon be closed with ice. The cruises now in port never leave the harbor. A passage through the ice will have to be freshly made when Admiral Arrington attempts to join Admiral Rozhkovsky.

Dynamite Used to Blow Up Walls.

Headquarters of the Japanese Third Army, at Fusan, Dec. 30.—Rihung, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fort ridge. The tunnels for mines were cut through solid rock and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent and the work of the assaulters was splendid. Half the garrison was killed by the explosion of the first charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid fire guns and two machine guns were captured, as well as 30 quick-firing guns which were stored in the fort.

Cut His Brother's Throat.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—An Italian whose name is unknown, and living with his two brothers, became insane and cut one of his brother's throats, and was himself probably fatally shot by a policeman. The wounding of the brother occurred as the culmination of a struggle between the insane man and his brother, and a policeman who had been called in to arrest him.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown Entertained Friends on Christmas Day.

A social Christmas entertainment was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown on West Liberty street, in the suburbs of Gainesville, on Monday, the 26th inst. The guests began to arrive early in the day and each in turn were pleasantly received with the usual greeting of a "Merry Christmas" from the very estimable host and hostess, after which they were ushered into the dining room, where a large table fairly groaning with good things awaited them, and after the accustomed ceremony the fowls flew away and other Christmas "goodies" fairly vanished from sight as each guest tried to do their duty to relieve the table of its burden.

The inner man being satisfied and usual jokes and toasts indulged in, the jolly crowd repaired to the parlor, where a beautiful holly tree stood elegantly decorated and bearing many useful and valuable presents for the grown people; wagons, horses, tops, balls and whistles for the boys; dolls, baby beds and other pretty things for the girls.

The tree was beautifully illuminated with candles of red, white and blue, and as each one gazed upon it our hearts leaped with ecstasy and in concert exclaimed, "Isn't it beautiful?" The picture of the tree was taken by flashlight by J. D. Russell, after which it was carefully picked of its costly plumage, and each one made happy as their names were called and Santa Claus had so bountifully remembered them.

The afternoon passed with music, games and social conversation, when the guests took their departure for their respective homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Brown many more happy Christmas days.

Those present from a distance were W. E. Sharnan and two daughters of Hawthorn, Mrs. W. A. Paulsen and daughter, Laurel, of Orange Heights, Clyde Sharnan of Hawthorn, Mrs. J. H. Patterson of Orange Heights, those from Gainesville, Mrs. J. D. Russell and daughters, Freda and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Becker and two sons, Mrs. W. S. Dorsey and daughters, Mrs. A. Cone, Mrs. Pound and daughter, Mae; Messrs. H. C. Brown and Reed Morton; and now lastly but not least comes the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown. The bride's eyes were sparkling with happiness, and the bright and contented expression of the groom's face indicated that he fully realized that Santa had been good to him. May these expressions never grow old, and that roses instead of thorns may always grow in their pathway, is the wish of the writer.

PATRY.

Installation of Officers.

The regular installation of officers of Gainesville Lodge No. 41, Free and Accepted Masons, was held at the lodge room Wednesday evening, and was as follows:

W. B. Higdon, W. M.; J. I. Flake, S. W.; McCuen Tomkies, S. W.; J. G. Torrey, treasurer; R. A. Becker, S. D.; A. M. Cushman, J. D.; Joe Manasse, S. S.; E. Baird, J. S.; Marcus Endel, marshal.

The meeting was characterized by its large attendance and the great interest manifested, and the members expressed themselves as being greatly impressed with the installation services, which were conducted by Marcus Endel, one of the most thoroughly posted Masons in the State.

Has Received Commission.

C. C. Pedrick received Saturday a New Year's present. This present was in the form of his commission as county commissioner of Alachua county, to which responsible position he was elected at the last general election.

Mr. Pedrick will succeed at the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, which will convene Tuesday, Dr. T. F. Thomas, who has served the people of this district faithfully for several years. That he will be a worthy successor there is no doubt, and inasmuch as Mr. Pedrick is an enthusiastic advocate of good roads his constituents expect great things of him during his administration.

SUWANNEE COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS

Extension of J. & S. W. Railroad Means Big Thing.

LAND VALUES ARE INCREASING

The Extension of the Road Will Open Up a New and Fertile Country, Rich in Timber—Iron Now Ready to be Laid, and Work to Begin Soon.

Among the prominent visitors to Gainesville Saturday was E. S. Gaulden of Old Town, an extensive naval stores operator of that section.

Mr. Gaulden states that he never saw the country in better condition, or the prospects more encouraging, than at this time. Lands in Western Alachua and LaFayette counties are increasing in value, in anticipation of the extension of the Jacksonville and Southwestern Railway from Newberry, which will open up one of the finest agricultural and timber sections in the State.

"The iron has been placed on the ground, and I am informed that a force of men will begin in a day or two laying the track," remarked Mr. Gaulden. "It is said that there is ample iron to lay the extension from Newberry to Old Town, a distance of about twenty miles."

The opening of this new country by the invasion of the Jacksonville and Southwestern will mean a great deal to the people of the section traversed. Some of the most fertile lands of the South, which at present are uncultivated, will be transformed into green and prolific fields, where everything known to agriculture will grow and thrive. There are also hundreds of thousands of acres of fine timber which has not been molested, owing to the inability to move it, which will be used for turpentine and saw mill purposes.

Altogether, this new country offers great advantages to the active business interests of the State, and it goes without saying that they will be taken advantage of.

THE NEWS FROM WINDSOR.

Rumor of a Wedding—Winter Visitors Arriving—Other Notes.

Windsor, Dec. 31.—Cold weather has set Windsor people to thinking about orange-tree protection again.

Several of our winter guests have arrived. Dr. Byre and wife and Mrs. McAdden arrived Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. VanFossen and son, and Mrs. Harmless, all of Indiana, are spending some time in Windsor.

Rumor has it that Guss Ormand and Miss Sherouse were united in marriage at Windsor on December 18th, Rev. Mr. Branning of Waldo officiating.

Prof. Joe Coffee, in company with Rev. Mr. Branning, visited Windsor Wednesday.

Windsor would be a good location for anyone wishing to engage in pecan growing. W. H. Byles has two young trees that produced over one hundred pounds of fine nuts this year. He also has some young trees that are coming on very nicely.

The young men had quite a lot of fun shooting for chickens last Saturday.

The Methodist Sunday school had a union Christmas tree and exercises at Wesley Chapel on Monday evening. There was a large crowd in attendance and all report having a good time. Mrs. Munsenger deserves credit for the way in which she instructed the little ones.

Maj. Dean has returned from Tampa, where he has been spending a short time.

Prof. K. H. Montgomery is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at Windsor.

Thos. Montgomery of Kalamazoo is spending the holidays at home. E. K. Rasthorough, the genial salesman for the Jacksonville Grocery Co., was shaking hands with old friends in Windsor the past week.

The people of Moccasin Bend report the sugar cane crop extra good this year.

AN IMPRESSIVE FUNCTION.

The Baker-Evans Nuptials at Island Grove Were Well Attended.

Island Grove, Dec. 31.—The Methodist church at this place was the scene of a beautiful marriage Wednesday evening, when Mr. H. W. Baker led to the hymenal altar Miss Florrie Evans, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans.

The church had been most beautifully and artistically decorated for the occasion, being a perfect bower of roses, holly and palms.

Long before the appointed hour the church was crowded to its fullest capacity.

Mrs. Wm. Crosby presided at the organ, and promptly at 8 o'clock the bridal party entered, marching to the sweet strains of the wedding march.

The party was led by Mr. W. J. Evans and Miss Bessie Baker, followed by Mr. Frank Baker and Miss Annie Price. The party very gracefully marched up the aisle and formed a semi-circle, the bride and groom standing in the center under a beautiful arch of evergreens and roses. The picture was a most pleasing one; the background of evergreens and the bright young faces and beautiful dresses upon which the lights cast their brilliant rays, all conspired to form a picture long to be remembered by those who were present.

The ceremony was a most impressive one, being conducted by Rev. M. T. Bell, former pastor of the church at this place.

After the ceremony the bridal party, together with the families and friends, repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where, after congratulations had been showered upon the happy pair, a sumptuous repast was spread.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, and Mr. Baker is to be congratulated upon his success in securing such a prize.

The groom is a prosperous young trucker of this place.

They were the recipients of many useful and costly presents.

May the lives be one long continuous flow of success and happiness, in the wish of their numerous friends.

MILL AND FACTORY SALE.

Hyde's Big Store Will be Scene of Many Bargains in Few Days.

As will be seen by the page announcement elsewhere in this issue, the Mill and Factory Syndicate of New York has again arranged for a grand mill and factory sale at the big store of Geo. W. Hyde, and a glance at the prices will convince those who understand the value of goods that there will be arrayed a feast of bargains at ridiculous prices.

The Mill and Factory Syndicate, of which Shepherd Watson is the manager in this territory, make a business of shipping goods in large quantities to various cities, in connection with the goods carried by regular stores in these cities. These goods come direct from the mills, and are sold to the consumer at about the same price other stores have to pay for them.

The mill and factory sale conducted by Mr. Watson at Hyde's store last year proved a big success, hundreds of purchasers taking advantage of the extraordinary bargains in all lines offered on that occasion. This sale will be identical. It will be astonishing in its bargain-giving and original methods and money-saving opportunities.

Mr. Hyde, who is one of the most progressive, as well as most conservative merchants in the State, authorizes the statement that every article advertised will be guaranteed to be exactly as represented. As an illustration of his sincerity in this matter, he ordered the return of 5,000 yards of calicoes shipped for this sale, to be sold at three cents. "These goods did not meet my approval, because I did not consider them of any special value, hence I returned them," he remarked. "I will permit nothing at this sale which will not prove as big a bargain as we advertise."

The sale will begin at 9 o'clock Friday morning, Jan. 6, and will continue for ten days.

HOSPITAL LOT HAS BEEN SELECTED

Wilson Block, Surrounded by Beautiful Oaks, Will be Used

FOR HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

Property Comprises One of the Most Desirable Blocks in the City; Particularly Adapted to the Purposes for Which it Has Been Selected.

An important meeting of the board of trustees of the Gainesville and Alachua County Hospital Association was held Friday afternoon, at which the selection of a building lot was made.

After a careful examination of all the lots available for the purpose, it was decided to purchase the Wilson block, immediately north of the Pitts residence. This property is most admirably situated for the purpose, being surrounded by magnificent oaks, and in a retired, quiet locality. The selection of the committee appointed for this purpose was a wise one, and the committee is to be congratulated.

Among other business was the appointment of a committee to collect subscriptions already made to the hospital, and this committee expects to begin work at once. It is to be hoped that those subscribing will pay promptly, thus saving the committee time and trouble.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

Miss Annie Cannon Entertained Several Friends at Rocky Point.

One of the most pleasant social affairs of the season was an entertainment tendered by Miss Annie Cannon, the accomplished young daughter of Mrs. O. P. Cannon, Rocky Point, to a select number of her friends Friday evening.

This entertainment, which was in the nature of a social, was given at the hospitable home of the young lady, and the Gainesville young folks who attended were highly pleased with the hospitality of their hostess. There were two carriages, and the party was chaperoned by Mesdames J. S. Bodiford and H. E. Taylor, both of whom good-naturedly admitted that they enjoyed themselves, and "felt real young again."

As an entertainer Miss Cannon is a success, and those who attended this function report a most delightful time.

Tax Assessor's Notice.

I shall meet the tax-payers of the following places on the dates set opposite:

Hague—Wednesday, January 18.
Bland—Thursday, January 19.
Santa Fee—Friday, January 20.
LaCrosse—Saturday, January 21.
Rochelle—Tuesday, January 24, in forenoon.
Windsor—Tuesday, January 24, in afternoon.
Campville—Wednesday, January 25.
Orange Heights—Thursday, January 26.
Melrose—Friday, January 27.
Hawthorn—Saturday, January 28.
Tacoma—Tuesday, January 31.
Micansopy—Wednesday, February 1.
Evinston—Thursday, February 2.
Island Grove—Friday, February 3.
Lake View—Saturday, February 4, in forenoon.

Fairbanks—Monday, February 6.
Waldo—Tuesday, February 7.
Rocky Point—Thursday, February 9.
Archer—Saturday, February 11.

It is of special interest to every taxpayer to make careful returns of their property each year, and I request that every one avail themselves of these appointments.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM W. COLSON,
Tax Assessor.

Finds Husband Hanging.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Ferdinand Sibul, a clothier, committed suicide by hanging himself. He had been ill and was despondent. When his wife entered his room she ran against his dead body swinging to a rope.